

**HISTORY 2112**  
**SAMPLE ESSAY/SHORT ANSWER EXAM**  
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On the next page is a sample exam. This particular exam has an essay section and a short answer section. Please keep in mind the following.

4. This is a sample exam. It's intended to give you a glimpse of the format that you might see on one of my actual exams. I provide it mainly so that students who haven't had much experience with essay-style exams can get familiar with a format that might be new to them.
5. This means that you're unlikely to get this exact exam as an actual midterm or final. It's possible that you may see one or more of these questions on an actual exam, but only if they also appear on your Course Outline. Remember: You will never see an essay or short answer question on an actual exam that isn't on the Course Outline.
6. Even if you do get this exact format, the percentage value of each component may not be the same.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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FINAL EXAM

- Answer only the number of questions indicated. If you answer more than that, I'll grade the first answers I come to and I won't count the rest.
- Tell me everything that you think is reasonably related to the question that I ask. You lose credit for leaving out relevant information, for including irrelevant information, and for including wrong information.
- Write legibly. If I can't read it, I can't grade it and you can't get credit for it. Good grammar and spelling aren't required as long as I can understand the answer.
- Once the exam begins, I cannot answer any substantive questions about it.
- If you leave the room for any reason, you cannot resume taking the exam.
- To complete the exam, you must turn in this exam, turn in your bluebook, and sign the roll. I will not count anything written on this exam form--only information in the bluebook.
- The Student Code of Conduct is in force. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON.
- I'll take up the papers at 1:45 PM sharp.

**I. Answer one of the following questions. (This answer counts 60% of the final exam grade.)**

- a.) Discuss the basics of American government and the United States Constitution and how these things were related to the causes of the Civil War, including both the Confederates' and President Lincoln's views of the Constitution.
- b.) Write a history of the emergence of big business and organized labor during the Gilded Age.

**II. Identify, describe, and tell the importance of four of the following questions. (Each answer counts 10% of the final exam grade.)**

- 1.) Black Codes
- 2.) The Tenure of Office Act
- 3.) The Open Hearth Process
- 4.) The Pullman Strike
- 5.) William Graham Sumner
- 6.) American Exceptionalism